

2nd Grade Scoop

January 7–11, 2013

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West Central Elementary

Character Education

The Character Education word for January is: Honesty. Honesty is learning that is is very important to tell the truth and never steal or cheat. If you are an honest person, your character will shine through and you will feel good about your actions! Each week we will be giving away Subway Certificates to students who exhibit these characteristics!

Social Studies/ Weekly Reader

This week we will be learning about places in our world. Vocabulary Words: continents, oceans



Math

This week we will be working with exploring various coins and counting groups of coins. We will also work on problem solving strategies. Please work with your child on memorizing math flash cards in addition and subtraction. We continue to do Mad Minute Math tests and CGI problems on a daily basis.

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Just a reminder:

Homework is:

*Study spelling words

*Read for 20 minutes every night

*Memorize math flash cards for addition and subtraction

*Practice writing short stories

*Practice fluency sheets

*Please remember to initial your child's planner with time read each night

Creative Writing

We are writing stories every day. We use various prompts that are original, fun, and thought-provoking. The students really get excited when it is writing time and sharing on the "Author's Chair."

Spelling

The students are working on spelling with (s/ c/j/dge)) We will be doing Differentiated Spelling. Each child will come home with their own personal list of words in their Planners. Daily activities to reinforce spelling words include: Word Search, ABC Order, Double Puzzle, write a letter to your teacher using list words and finding meanings of the spelling words in the dictionary and using list words in sentences.



Dates to Remember:

January 8– Bookmobile

January 15 – Literacy

Night & Buck Store

January 21 – No School (Teacher In-Service)

Phonics & Grammar

*Genre: Fiction, and connect prior knowledge Reading:

Read Aloud Anthology

"Sophie's Masterpiece"

Guided Reading Groups:

Fluency,

comprehension

skills, predicting, and

author's message,

realistic fiction, and

author's purpose.

Independent Reading

and A.R. Tests

Check out his

website to see if a

book your child is

reading at home is an

AR test. [https://](https://www.renlearn.cm/store/quiz_home.asp)

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Vocabulary

Vocabulary is critical to reading because it supports comprehension and communication.

High Frequency Words for this week are: sweat, bought, touch knee, clear

Robust Vocabulary Words for this week are: journeyed, frail, stomped, sipped, entertain, except, carefree, screeching

Quick Tip: To expose your child to these words, one suggestion may include placing word cards around the house and having the student read and define the words as they find them.

In our literacy centers, we place the words on index cards with the definitions on the back. The students read the cards and work with partners to become more familiar with the words.

Writing: (Writing complete sentences)

We will write paragraphs about various pictures. Writing

Trait: (Ideas) Conventions (using the

correct grammar, punctuation, and spelling). We will also work on describing. The students will also work on using effective word choices in their writing-such as rhyming words and colorful words to clarify description and revise word choices. Bullying Contract: I promise I will not bully

others. I promise I will not hurt others through my words or my actions. I promise to be kind. Be Safe. Be ready to learn!

Read Aloud Charts

"The Drum" - (describing how we listen for a purpose)

Students will discuss what they enjoyed most about the poem.

"New Notebook" - Students will think about what is happening in the poem and the feeling they get from it. listening

Listening Center

Stories: "Annie's Gifts" By Angela Mederats

Genre: Realistic Fiction

While listening to these stories, the students will learn new vocabulary words: stomped, sipped, entertain, carefree, except

The students will also orally discuss the beginning, middle, and end of the story & the author's message. They will also learn about story structure.

January Snacks

3 - Mrs. S.

4 - Mrs. S.

7 - Luke

8 - Isaiah

9 - Aubree

10 - Robbie

11 - Dillon

Thanks for providing snacks!!



Thank you so much for your generous donations for our school's Giving Tree gifts. I was able to purchase several gifts from our class. I am sure they appreciated all of you! Also, thanks for the books that were donated to our classroom! Also, thanks for the wonderful gifts for me! You are all so kind and caring!! We are ready to begin a new and exciting rest of the year!!! I appreciate your continued support! You are the best parents!!

Quotes of the Week-

"The best service a book can render is to make you think it out for yourself!

Elbert Hubbard

"We have so much to learn, let us teach one another as kindly as we can!" **Senge**

West Central Mission Statement: "To prepare all students for learning and living in a changing world." West Central Hartford Elementary Mission Statement: "Instill in our students a love of learning, a desire to know and to do what is right, and the knowledge and skill to face the future with courage."

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